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JANUARY NEWSLETTER - 2026

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MINISTRY

- In the new year, the President of the PCSBA proposed launching a prayer marathon: each week, a special focus in prayer will be given to one of the churches, as well as to one of the departments and its leader. Our Association has 38 churches and 16 departments. Throughout the year we will be praying for all of them at least once. You are welcome to join us in prayer! [For a prayer schedule, click this link \(in Russian only\)](#).
- The following meeting and events are scheduled by the PCSBA's Executive Committee and department leaders:
 - **February 7:** conference for Sunday school teachers: "Why do goals fail without a vision?" See the details below.
 - **February 13-14** – teaching sessions of the Blagovest Institute of Ministry.
 - **February 20** – meeting of the Association's ministry leaders to present reports of the previous work, and to make plans for future ministry.
 - **February 21** – meeting of the Missionary Ministry Committee.
 - **February 27** – meeting of the Association's Executive Committee.
- Last year, shortly before the PCSBA's 87th convention, at the suggestion of Pastor A. Ivanov of the "House of Prayer" Church, posters were developed presenting all the churches of the Association, the names of the PCSBA leaders, the pastors of the churches, and a list of the PCSBA's main events. The posters were intended to be displayed in the churches so that church members could see their congregation as a part of a united ministry of many. After the convention, the necessary changes were made to the posters, and now any church can get an updated one for its own use. To order these

posters, contact the Association's office administrator, Alina Pronina (916) 452-2626.

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ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF THE PCSBA'S PRESIDENT

The ministry of the Association's President has many various aspects, including meeting with pastors and leaders of ministries, and visiting churches. In December and the early part of January, the Association's President had a chance to visit a few churches, and he shares about it [in his article at this link](#) (in Russian only). He also recorded two radio broadcasts where he talks [about a prayer marathon](#) and about [his plans for ministry with the churches](#).

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NEW LEADER OF THE EDUCATION MINISTRY

After A.B. Pronin, who was the founder of the Blagovest Institute of Ministry and who has been serving as the head of the PCSBA's Education Ministry, was chosen as the Association's President, the question became who could take his place to carry on the Education Ministry. S.A. Pronin was chosen and affirmed by the Executive Committee as the new leader of this ministry. To find out more about him, please read his short biography – [click this link](#).



BLAGOVEST INSTITUTE OF MINISTRY COMMENCEMENT – SACRAMENTO

On January 18, 2026, during the evening service at the Second Slavic Baptist Church, Blagovest Institute of Ministry had its graduation ceremony for those who went through the spiritual and educational training of the Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Association, with 44 graduates received their diplomas in three levels: Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Ministry, and Master of Divinity. [Read more details in an article by the leader of the Education Ministry, S. Pronin.](#)



Students and Instructors of the Blagovest Institute

MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION'S WOMEN'S MINISTRIES LEADERS

Representatives of the Association's Women's Ministry met on December 12 to share about the work that had been done in the previous year, and what they would like to go through in the new year. "Only Christ" – this was the theme and motto that will be implemented in the new year. The Association's Vice-President, V. Stupin, was also present at the meeting. For more about the women's meeting over Zoom, [read an article by Y. Mileyev at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



BIG NEWS FROM ROCKLAND CHURCH

Rockland Church is in the process of purchasing a new building and are planning to move in February for their regular church ministry. The new church building is located at: 6450 Walerga Road, North Highlands, CA 95660. This used to be a Mormon church and has a lot of classrooms and a large gym. For more, tune in to [hear the pastor of the church, N.A. Bugriyev – click this link \(in Russian only\).](#) [More photos you may see on this page.](#)



CELEBRATION AT THE CHURCH IN HONOLULU

For the Slavic Church in Honolulu, December was especially lively. In the early part of the month, they celebrated the baptism of six young brothers and sisters who were added to this young church. After that, there was the celebration of Christmas, New Year...Everyone experienced a great sense of joy, but especially those who came to one of these events for the first time. [More details...\(in Russian only\).](#)



After Baptism

CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The coming of our Savior Jesus Christ into the world is one of the most significant events that impacted the whole course of history. Christians around the world celebrate Christmas, and thank God for the miracle of the incarnation and the subsequent redemption that was accomplished by our Savior on the cross! Perhaps some of the children and adults with special needs do not understand everything, but they really love to celebrate this beautiful and well-decorated holiday. For more about the Christmas celebration, [read an article by N. Smolikova, the leader of the Special Needs Ministry \(in Russian only\).](#)



Celebrating Christmas at a Church in West Sacramento

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS AND CONCERTS IN OUR CHURCHES

The Association's churches have a lot of talented people: musicians, singers, writers, and even artists. All of them are trying to somehow praise the Lord with their talents. This is especially evident during the Christmas season. For more about various church events, and to access their recordings, [read an article at this link.](#)



From the "Special Delivery" Skit

"PRAISE TO THE LORD" - CHRISTIAN WORSHIP GROUP

The Praise to the Lord worship group can be heard and seen at different times and at various locations. Lidiya Vashilina, song composer and the group's soloist, shares more about what makes their group special. [Read more at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



During One of the Performances

CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY THE IZMAYLOV BROTHERS

At the verge of the new year, on December 27, Rockland Baptist Church had a solo Christmas concert from the well-known music group of the Izmaylov brothers, who play on the violin and piano. Both the Slavic and English-speaking audience had a rare opportunity to hear a live performance of these famous Christian musicians who were performing classical Christmas pieces. [More details...](#)



CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT THE SPRING OF LIFE CHURCH (MUKILTEO, WA)

Just like in a lot of other churches, the Spring of Life Church had their series of Christmas events that united the regulars and visitors through music, creativity, and meditation about the meaning of Christmas. [Read more in an article by A. Litvinov, the leader of the information ministry at the church..](#)



The Concert of Christmas Music and Songs

DO YOU NEED SUPPORT? COME AND JOIN US!

On Friday, January 9, Second Slavic Baptist Church had a special evening to support widows and the lonely. This was not just a meeting, but an atmosphere full of warmth, attention, and the abundant presence of God's love. [Read more details at this link.](#)



FELLOWSHIP OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS OVER 70

On December 10, the Spring of Life Church had a special Christmas fellowship for brothers and sisters who are 70 and older. This was a warm and lively event that

took place in a comfortable and truly homey atmosphere that encouraged everyone to fellowship and express support for each other. [Read more in an article by A. Litvinov.](#)



MISSIONARY NEWS

CHRISTMAS FOR THE GYPSY VILLAGE

That which is taken for granted by our children who demand more and more gifts, fun, and sweets at Christmas is truly appreciated by the gypsy children and adults. All of this is very new to them and gives them a tremendous amount of joy. Even paper crafts turn them wild with excitement! The majority of them never had exposure to any of this, especially the fact that the Christmas story, which they never heard of, actually has a lot to do with them. Watch a video story about how the gypsy school in their neighborhood celebrated Christmas – [click this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



2026 IS THE YEAR FOR FRANCE

In October of last year, during the PCSBA's Convention, the Association's Missions Ministry had a session where they made a decision to announce 2026 as the year of France. This meant that we ought to apply the approach that we had in Italy and Spain to start serving in France. Everything began with the preaching of the Gospel at home groups while searching for long-term missionaries. Later on, home groups became churches. [Read more at this link.](#)



Baptism in northern France

EVANGELISM SEMINAR AT ROCKLAND CHURCH

The men of Rockland Church began their new year with a prayer breakfast on Saturday, January 3. At that time, the pastor of the church, Nikolay Alekseyevich Bugriyev, invited Vasiliy Grigoryevich Khripunov, who oversees the local missions at the PCSBA. “Natural Evangelism” – this was the theme of Vasiliy’s hour-and-a-half-long presentation. [Read more... \(in Russian only\).](#)



GOOD EXAMPLES OF LIFE

A HEART FOR CHRIST

An amazing life story of a man who underwent a heart transplant and then dedicated his life to God and to saving people from eternal destruction. This story will leave no one indifferent. Perhaps it will serve as a reminder of our fleeting life here on earth and the importance to live it for Christ. This is the story of pastor Ivan Ryakhovskiy, who recently went to be with the Lord. [Read more at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS



НАШ НОВЫЙ ПАРТНЁР – МЕЖДУНАРОДНОЕ БИБЛЕЙСКОЕ АПОЛОГИЧЕСКОЕ ОБЪЕДИНЕНИЕ

The International Bible Apologetics Association, led by Igal German, became a new partner of the Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Association. As we found out more about this organization, it turns out that partnering with them can be mutually beneficial both for churches, as well as for pastors. To find out what [Igal shared about the purpose of their ministry and the ministry of their Association, click this link.](#)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

PRAYING FOR THE RULERS OF OUR COUNTRY

“Our country is in trouble”: Franklin Graham is calling the United States to prayer and repentance.

Franklin Graham invited everyone to dedicate Wednesday, January 14 to prayer and repentance. Although this day has already passed, the concerns that he had and the

exhortations for the need to repent is still something that we need. This is not just a prayer for repentance for the English-speaking Christians and churches, but also for us who immigrated from the Slavic and European countries as well. Unfortunately, our churches almost never voice similar prayer needs. We need to also join these types of prayers and understand that this is now our country and we are responsible for its physical and spiritual state. This is the country in which we chose to raise our children and grandchildren.

The transcript of the exhortation by Franklin Graham [can be found at this link...](#)



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE FERVENT IN PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY AND ITS RULERS

If you understand English and would like to join the English-speaking Christians to pray for the specific needs of the U.S. President and his team, and for our judges of the Supreme Court whose decisions have a huge impact on the life of our country, subscribe to [Presidential Prayer Team at this link](#). Every morning you will receive a message about the critical needs of our country, areas that need prayer support, and those areas that need prayer opposition. Do not ignore this request!



THE DAILY PRAYER BRIEFING

Praying for Our Leaders Daily | Timothy 2:1-2



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFERENCE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: WHY DO GOALS FAIL WITHOUT A VISION?

On **February 7**, Grace Avenue Bible Church will host a conference for Sunday School teachers. The theme of the conference will be: “Why do goals fail without a vision?” and will cover the following:

- How to come up with a vision for your classroom
- Why do goals without a vision not work?
- How to turn dreams into spiritual goals
- Challenges of Sunday School teachers
- Practical illustrations for kids and teens

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- Как сформулировать видение для своей школы
- Почему цели без мечты не работают
- Как мечты превращаются в духовные цели
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Church address: 1425 Grace Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838

For questions, reach out to Zhanna Yanovskiy (916) 798-5838, zhanna22@yahoo.com.

SEMINAR “THE ROLE OF JOY IN SELF-DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY, AND FAMILY”

Dear ladies! Healthy Christian Woman Ministry, at Second Slavic Baptist Church, is inviting you and your daughters, sisters, mothers, grandmothers, and friends (ages 13-99+) to another women's seminar that will take place on Friday, **March 13** from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The theme will be: **"The role of joy in self-development, ministry, and family."**

Speakers:

- Ion Keptene (San Diego, Master & Degree CKD, Missionary Pastor)
- Yelena Rotkin (Certified nutritionist, B.S. in nutrition and food of California State University, Sacramento)
- Yelena Agafonov (B.S. in Church Ministry, certified cosmetologist, coach of Totalfit Defense)

A full meal featuring Mediterranean cuisine recipes, menus, and recipes provided at the tables (to take home), prayer support, hymns, conversation at the tables, games, and gifts.

Beginning on February 15, the tickets can be purchased at the foyer of SSB Church (Thursdays and Sundays). Registration cost - \$25 (cash).

For questions: (916) 267-5096

Church Address: 6601 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660

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Speaker, **Елена Агафонова**

MUSIC SEMINAR

Dear brothers and sisters! On **March 13-14**, Bryte Church will host a music conference. Mikhail Cherenkov and Aleksandr Kreschuk will be its speakers. The

seminar topics will be announced a little bit later as the theme of the seminar is being worked out at the moment. Everyone, without exception, is invited to this event: pastors, conductors, choir members, and musicians. There will be master classes which will be announced later as well. We are investing a lot of energy into making this conference both interesting and useful in growing the music and vocal ministries of the churches. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.

Previous editions of the newsletters can be found on the Association's website: [for the last year](#) | [for all the years.](#)

If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at pcsBaca@gmail.com.

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